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1. The majority of the members of the Wayside Branch of the Central Soviet Club in Shanghai are former workers and farmers who are at present employed in various firms in Shanghai as watchmen, guards, and minor employees in various factories in the Yangtzupu and Pootung Districts of Shanghai. Necessary supervision is given to members of this branch by officials and politruks (political instructors) of the Shanghai Soviet Citizens' Association.

2. At a meeting of the Wayside Soviet Club on 14 March 1948, the following persons were nominated as candidates for the club's Executive Committee to serve for one year:

25X1A [REDACTED] note: The names of those elected on 21 March are starred. Election results were reported on 22 March by the Soviet Russian language daily, Novosti Dnya.)

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Executive Committee

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3. Rumyantsev, an experienced propagandist and organizer, who supervises many of the Branch's activities, is also vice chairman of the Executive Committee of the SCA. Gudzenko (see above), also an active member of the SCA, has delivered several lectures to local Soviet groups on such subjects as the Soviet Constitution, and the history of the USSR and the Communist Party. He is considered a capable organizer and is trusted by Vice Consul Sergeyev.

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4. On 14 March 1948 a general meeting of members of the Shanghai Soviet Lawyers' Union (O. S. Yu., Obshchestvo Sovetskikh Yuristov) was held at the Central Soviet Club. Prior to this general meeting, Soviet Vice Consul Sergeyev called members of the Presidium of the Union to the Shanghai Soviet Consulate. Sergeyev proposed to them that the Union include Soviet citizens in Shanghai who have a university education in law, history, philosophy, political science or economics. At the meeting an amendment to the statutes of the Union was passed. This amendment makes it possible for "economists" to be members of the Union.
5. At this meeting the following were elected members of the Presidium for 1948:
 Chairman: P. P. Shavchenko, legal advisor to the Shanghai Soviet Consulate;
 947 Avenue Joffre.
 Vice chairman and treasurer: S. F. Michin, former member of the Imperial Russian Procurator's Office; a former emigre, highly educated; 125/61 Avenue Roi Albert.
 Secretary and director of the Culture Department: A. I. Kulesh
 Alternate: A. A. Melikov, lawyer, former emigre; formerly a member of the Russian Emigres' Committee and of the Arbitration Court for Russian emigres in Shanghai; an active member of the Soviet Parish of St. Nikolai Church; 100/88 Rue Paul Henry.
- Among other duties, the O. S. Yu. handles cases of needy Soviet citizens. The offices of the Union are at 805 Avenue Foch, on the premises of the SCA.

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